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Archives Purchase

The National Archives has bought for $1,000 the equipment of Trauma Room 1 at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Tex., where doctors tried unsuccessfully to save the life of President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963.

The equipment will be stored in Texas and there are no plans for public display.

Richard Vawter, an Archives spokesman, said hospital employees first contacted the Archives about the sale. He said the idea was to prevent the equipment, which includes a stretcher table, respiratory equipment and an assortment of surgical instruments and syringes, from being put on distasteful display.